GILL NETTERS GOT THEIR GEAR State of the sta

Sebrugely 12.

Some Little Crafts Will Profit TRAWLE Well For Their Work of Yesterday.

For the first time for several days, a goodly number of the gill netting steamers were able to get outside, although the weather still remains rough and blowy from the succession of galles that have prevailed of late. While on her way out, steamer

While on her way out, steamer Swan went around in Annisquam riv-er yesterday morning, damaging her rudder so that it was necessary to re- bad weather.

turn to port for repairs.

Time larger crafts which are fishing The larger crafts which are fishing further off shore made some good hauls. Steamers F. S. Willard halled for 4600 pounds; Enterprise, 4100 pounds; R. J. Kellick, 3500 pounds; Nomad, 2500 pounds; Ethel, 2500 pounds; Sawyer, 2000 pounds, which are the largest arrivals. The entire receipts of the day were shipped by boat this morning to the Boston market. market.

It .. was pretty quiet along the water front this forenoon, no arrivals, not even a coaster being reported at the custom house.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, 1500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Eagle, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 500

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4600

lbs fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4100 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Venture, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2500 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1200 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

Vessels Sailed. Sch. Rena A. Percy, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, 5.50 per cwt.; medlum, \$4.621-2, \$5.50 per snappers, \$3.25. handline codfish,

Eastern deck handline large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50. halibut codfish. \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;

mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.

fresh fish.

Haddock, \$1.50. Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums,

\$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100
pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, Jarge, \$1.30; mediums, \$1;

Reports from Channel to the St. John's, N. F., Board of Trade say that the fishermen there have done little with cod so far; that trawlers have been more successful and more skiffs are being fitted with trawls constantly Work however, has been hampered by

Jeb. 12.

Good Catches at Lockeport.

The fishing industry in Lockeport is being prosecuted with greater vigor this winter, than ever before. But un-til last week the extreme variability and uncertainty of the weather pre-vented the making of any large catch-es. As a result of four days fishing over 230,000 pounds of fresh fish were landed at this port, the honors being carried off by the trim little schooner R. L. McKenzie, and commanded by Capt. Ralph McKenzie. Not only did this schooner land a greater quantity of fish than any of the other schooners, but the magnificent share of the crew, \$48 per man clear of all expenses, breaks all previous records, for the same time, in winter fishing from this port.

To say that Capt. McKenzie feels "good" is putting it mildly.—Shelburne Gazette

Would Affect Fisheries.

The Riker plan for warming the North Seas by artificial obstruction of the Labrador current where it meets the Gulf stream, has been submitted to Congress. The plan is to form a huge jetty over the Grand Banks, which would shake off the cold waters of the current and get rid of the cold springs and fogs. The cost would be about \$20,000,000. If such a plan could be carried out it would affect, no doubt seriously, the fisheries of the Grand Banks, which have been productive for 300 years. This plan is not considered practicable.-Ilishing

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Patent on Gill Nets.

A patent on shipping apparatus for gill nets has been granted John Mc-Gaw, Jr., of Kincardine, Ont.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Pontiac, June and Fannie E. Prescott were at Liverpool, N. S., last Thursday and schs. Virginia, Rex and Flora L. Oliver the following day and cleared.

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Was Towed In.

The gill netting steamer Philomena, Capt. John McKinnon, of this port, which was disabled off Portsmouth Tuesday afternoon by the breaking of her rudder, was towed into Jones' wharf, Portsmouth, by tug M. Mitchell Davis, which saw the eraft's plight off Whale's Back light. The Philomena was towed back here by tug Eveleth for repairs.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. John McKay, at Portland today with 10,000 at 25 pounds of halibut which sold at 25 cents a pound for white and 18 cents the same price as was paid for the trip of sch. Waldo L. Stream

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton, Gladys and Nellie, Marning Star, Flora L. Oliver and Virginia were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared for fishing.

STEAM TRAWLERS | GLAIM HIGHEST THE WHOLE SHOW

Three in Again Today Get Cream of Highest Market of Winter.

But little relief has come to the fresh fish situation at T wharf since yesterday, three steam trawlers and two crafts together with the small amount shipped from here being all that the dealers had to depend on.

Bad weather outside is responsible for the shortage although some of the off shore fellows are being looked for now most any day. This morning, steamer Spray was at the dock with 14,000 pounds haddock, 600 cod, 500 sole, 600 hallbut and 3500 scrod hadock. The only off shore was sch. Ellen and Mary, Capt. Michael Brophy with 30,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 1000 cusk and 300 pollock. The shore fare of sch. Rose Standish less than 1000 pounds of mixed fish sold for 11 cents a pound right through.

During the morning, two more of the steam trawlers put in an appearance. Steamer Swell had 45,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 200 pollock, 300 hallbut and 10,000 scrod haddock, the Ripple hailed for the Ripple hailed for 25,-000 haddock, 1190 cod 300 halibut and 1000 sole.

What is believed to be the highest price ever brought for shore fish was paid out at the exchange Uls morning when a box sold at auction at \$17.25 a hundred pounds right

Gilt edge prices reigned, the dealers paying \$7 to \$12 a hundred for inad-dock, \$10 for cod right through and \$7.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str. Spray, 17,500 haddock, 600 cod, 500 lemon sole, 600 halibut.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 30,000 had. dock, 8500 cod, 1000 cusk, 3000 pollock. Sch. Rose Standish, 200 haddock, 200

hake, 200 cusk, 200 pollock. Str. Swell, 55,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 200 pollock, 300 balibut, 500 lemon sole. Str. Ripple, 28.000 haddock, 1100 cod, 300 halibut 1000 lemon sole.

Haddock, \$7 to \$12 per cwt. cod, \$10; pollock, \$7.50.

LOST ONE MAN DRIVEN ASHORE

Another of Crew Has Leg Broken-Sch. Ellen and Mary Had Hard Trip.

With one of her crew gone, another his leg broken in two places as the result of the craft being hit by a nasty sea, sch. Ellen and Mary, Capt. Michael Brophy, arrived in Boston last night, only to be driven ashore off the South Boston shore. The craft was later pulled off by a tug and towed to T wharf, where she took out her trip this morning.

The lost man is Jerry Shea, who was drowned before assistance could reach him. The sad accident happened last Tuesday 20 miles off Highland light, while Shea and others were out on the bowsprit, taking in the jib. Shea was carried overboard and quickly sank, while Patrick Dumphy, another member of the crew had his leg broken in two places.

Bad weather was encountered most of the time out. Capt. Brophy had about 40,000 pounds of mixed fish which sold at fancy prices.

EVER PAID HERE

Shore Fare of Sch. Emily Sears Sold at 9 Cts. Pound For Everything.

With the decks and rigging coated with ice, sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream arrived from a four weeks' halibuting trip down on Green Bank, hailing for 14,000 pounds.

Some bad weather was encountered on the trip out, but the crew managed to pick up a trip and by arriving at a time when halibut is very and very much in demand, Capt. Stream and his crew will profit by the long prices that are being paid. The fare sold to the American Hali-

but Company at 25 cents a pound for white and 18 cents for gray.
Fresh fish arrivals here yesterday
were few and far between. Nearly the entire gill netting fleet were held in port, only a few of them lifting at all. The day's receipts was less than 5000 pounds, which were shipped to the

Boston market.

Two shore boats arrived yesterday, sch. Josephine DeCosta with 1500 weight which sold to A. Cooney & Company and sch. Emily Sears to William B. McDonald & Company. The latter craft had 2300 pounds in all which brought nine cents a pound right through. This is not only the highest of the season, but is claimed to be the highest on record ever paid here for fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 450 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 300 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 1400

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Green Bank,

14,000 lbs. fresh halibut. Sch. Emily Sears, shore, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Aloha, haddocking.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, raddocking.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, haddocking. Sch. Manomet, baddocking.

Sch. Norma, Georges halibuting.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, halibut-

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.621-2, snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50. Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;

mediums, \$4. *Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25

Pollock, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50. Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15. Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c. Bank hallbut 25c per lb. for white,

18c for gray. Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

FISH VERY HIGH AT PORTLAND

by the oldest men along the water-front never have the fishermen been able to command such prices as they received for their fish Tuesday. The figures reached in the Tuesday prices for haddock, large and market cod, marked an average advance of \$2.66 per hundred. These were the record prices of Tuesday: Large cod, \$9.25; haddock, \$9.25; market cod, \$8; cusk, \$6; pollock, \$6; scrod, \$3.50; large hake, \$8; medium hake, \$6. How long these prices will prevail cannot be anticipated, but fish dealers say that the outlook at the present time is not promising for any drop, and there is a possibility that they may go even higher. The situation is serious on account of this being the lenten sea-son, when the demand for fish is the largest during the whole year.

The cold storage plants have been doing a thriving business on account of the big demand, and have already disposed of everything but their frozen herring, and even this fish is not plentiful and is at the present time bringing \$3 per cwt. at wholesale.

The fishermen report not only exextremely bad weather, at the fishing grounds, but a most alarming of fish. Some idea of the conditions that have prevailed of late is gained from the fact that Capt. Newcomb of the Martha E. McLean and Capt. John Dyer of the sloop Crusader, recognized as two of the best fishermen in the business, set their trawls Monday for the first time in 19 consecutive days. During that time, Capt. Newcomb used \$15.30 worth of gasoline in traveling out to the fishing grounds, and back in an effort to find conditions suitable for fishing. Not once during the time did he find an opportunity to set a hook, and when Capt. Newcomb refuses to take chances few other fishermen will. All of the fishermen returning Tuesday said that Monday was the coldest

day they had ever set their trawls.

The arrivals of fish Tuesday were numerous, but the fares were small. James & Esther brought 3500, Topsail Girl about 3000, Albert Willard 2000, Katie L. Palmer 1000, Crusader Wautoga 2000, Bernie & Bessie 1500, Fannie Hayden 2000, Martha E.

McLean, 1000.

SIGHT VESSEL FAST IN THE ICE

Mr. V. Mullins, agent of Canadian Marine and Fisheries, at Halifax, received a message from Captain Taylor of the Invermore, which arrived at North Sydney Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, to the effect that Saturday evening while steaming across the Culf his ship had sighted a schooner fast in the ice with all sail set. Her position at the time was 8 miles E. N. E., of Flint Island.

The Invermore left St. John's Thursday evening at 5 o'clock and, considering conditions, Capt. Taylor made a good run to North Sydney. It was expected the ship would go to Louis-burg this trip, but the master thought it better to run to his old port.

Capt. Taylor said his ship battled with a strong W. N. W. gale, until within about 35 miles of the Cape Breton coast when a heavy, loose field of drift ice was met. It required expert seamanship to work the old invermore through the moving ice, but the vessel came through without acci-

The service between North Sydney and Port Aux Basques will not likely be resumed for several weeks, the Bruce and Invermore sailing direct to St. John's.

Since the first of the year the interior of the Newfoundland has been visited by a series of terrific storms which badly handicapped the Reid cross county express from Port Aux Basques to St. John's. The ice in Fischel's Brook rafted up and carried away one of the bridges, putting the railway out of commission at that point, near George's Bay, on the west coast, for several days. The damen was later repaired and trains are again resuming the entire route though not always on schedule.

Mountains of snow fill the vaileys and dales along the railway and terrific frosts succeed each other day after It is held by officials of the Reid staff that this winter promises to be the most severe of any during the past

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IRISH MACKEREL CATCHERS HOPE

That President Wilson Will Take Off the Duty on Their Salt Mackerel.

The New York market for imported mackerel is still easy, says the Fishing Gazette. Norway Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have declined somewhat, No. 3 remaining steady. Irish mackerel also shows a decline in price. The expected Lent increase in demand has not appeared ar yet, but improving business is looked for as the season advances. A New York importer says: "Lent has given some little stimulus to the Norway mackerel market, but stocks are much in buyers' favor. Some few lots which are of real choice, fine quality are held very firmly."

The foreign advices on Irish mack-

erel to hand are

Liverpool, Eng., January 26.—Ship-ments the week ending today were as follows: To Boston, str. Saxonia, 200 bbls. (Arrived Saturday.) To Philadelphia, str. Bovic, 50 bbls. Total for week ending January 26, 1913, 250 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912 Irish

autumn, 23,070 bbls.
Liverpool, Eng., February 1.—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week
t) Boston, 659 bbls. To all other
ports, 925. Total, 1584 bbls.; count of shipments, 350 to 400.

The shipments of Irish salt mackerel to Boston from Liverpool. February 1, are advised as 200 bbls., per Saxonia. Received from Hull, Febru-

ary 4, 50 bbls.

The Fishing Gazette correspondent at Clegggan, Galway, Ireland, writes his paper: The fall mackerel fishing on this coast ended about two months ago, as owing to the continued unprecedented gales during that time the fishermen were unable to cast a net. The fish cured towards the end of the season averaged 340 to the barrel and of very fine quality, no pains being spared to have the cure as perfect as possible. We note with entire satisfaction that your President-elect Woodrow Wilson, is being approached by a representative body of Irishmen with a view to have the hitherto pro-hibitive tariff of 2 cents per pound or \$2 per barrel removed off Irish cured mackerel.

Our fishermen are in great hopes that Dr. Wilson will accede to their request. This, I need hardly say, will be a boon to our poor Irishmen, which cannot be described, particularly on this south and west coast where no other industry whatever exists, and where thousands are dependant on the mackerel fishing for a living. Their lot since the fall in price of mackerel in your country (some four years ago) has been one of the greatest hard-ships without even the consolation of being able to make a bare living. Some four years ago, and previous, Irish mackerel were realizing \$18 to \$21 in your market; today they realize from 10 \$to \$14. Consequently the price paid the fishermen is so low that many whose gear was worn out were unable to replace it, and were compelled to entirely abandon it. Those who did hold on were paid such prices for their catch that it was absolutely impossible for them to purchase the bare necessaries of life.

The exportation of fish from Harbin during last year were valued at Feb. 13.

Herring Catch Short.

As far as can be ascertained, the western herring fishery is going to be very far short of the average catch this season, says the "Trade Review." The figures of export of salted or frezen herring are now available, and we give them herewith: The figures of last season show 77 vessels engaged, and the total catch was 92,955 barrels This winter the catch is only 69,188 barerls and 70 craft were engaged. The price this season is also less. The history of the fishery has been for 50 years, a number of sea-sons in succession, plenty of herring in Bonne Bay and St. George's Bay and then, for another period of years. their disappearance on the West Coast and, reappearance in Fortune or Pla-centia Bay, or both. We note, by the way, that there has been a good sign of herring in Fortune Bay the last

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GILL NETTER **BROKE HIS KNEE**

bor, one of the crew of the gill net fishing steamer Trident, met with a severe accident Tuesday morning while the craft was engaged in fishing about seven miles southeast of the Portland lightship. It was blowing heavy at the time and the men were just getting ready to take in the nets when a big sea struck the steamer forward breaking the lashings attached to a dory on deck. The dory slid across the deck like a bullet, striking Bennett, who was just opposite, with such force that his knee went through the bottom of the dory, his right leg being broken just below the knee, the fisherman narrowly escaping from going overboard.

As quickly as possible the Trident returned to Portland and the injured man was taken to the Maine General Hospital in the police ambulance, Chauffeur Halcrow doing a good job in getting him on to the wharf from the steamer's deck, about 10 feet below, lifting him on a stretcher attached to a swinging boom. It is a particular case of hard luck for Bennett, as only about two years ago he met with an elevator accident at Boston, falling 70 feet and breaking both legs, they being fractured in five places. It has been only recently that he was able to get along without a cane, and it is expected he will be laid up a long time as the result of the injury received yesterday. His brother, Lester Bennett, is the skipper of the

Feb. 14. BIG FISH PLANT IS BURNED FLAT

North Atlantic Fisheries Co. Outfit at Port Hawkesbury C. B. Is Gone.

The big plant of the North Atlantic Fisheries Company, situated at Port Hawkesbury, was completely destroyed by fire early Wednesday morn-

The fire, which broke out about midnight in the smoke house, spread with great rapidity, and it soon became evident that the whole plant was doomed.

The power house, engine room, smoke house, canning factory and ice heuse were all destroyed.

For a time it was feared that the whole town would go, but a shift of wind and a heavy southeast snow storm relieved the danger.

When the fire threatened to spread to Embree's warehouse a number of valuable motor boats were removed and placed in the harbor of safety.

There is no fire fighting appliances in the town, and it was impossible to the town, and it is impossible to check the fire once it got under headway.

Feb. 14. GILL METTERS

TO THE RESCUE

Their 30,000 Pounds Sent to **Boston Saved Fish Famine** There Today.

But little relief has come to the fresh fish situation at T wharf the past 24 hours, this morning's list constituting of three shore fares with a total of 28,000 pounds.

The gill netters of this port sent about 30,000 pounds to the market and of course this helped out greatly for

the day's trade.

When the Exchange opened for business yesterday, the skippers or pursers of the Ripple and the Spray and of the two schooners were ready to sell their fares from the selling platform. A number of commission men also had boxes or barrels of fresh groundfish received from other ports to offer, although these latter were rather scarce.

The bidding started far above the normal prices of any of the varieties of groundfish offered. The excitement increased, very naturally, as the bids, ever larger, continued to be shouted by the body of strong-lunged and determined purchasing agents of the various firms.

A climax—it might as well be called a riot, so great was the clamor for a time-was reached when haddock sold at \$18.50 a hundredweight. All the haddock that was offered for sale didn't bring this price, by any means, the size and age of the fish having a great deal to do with it, but a quantity of haddock was sold at this figure, raid by a wholesale firm.

Another record was made and an equally great clamor followed the selling a lot of pollock at the hitherto undreamed-of figure of \$14 a hundredweight. Normally pollock brings seldom more than \$4 a hundredweight.

The few thousand pounds of mixed fish from the gill netters that went from here yesterday brought giltedged prices. Codfish brought 12 cents a pound while a small lot of haddock sold at 18 cents a pound, and a box for 17 3-4 cents a pound right through. Pollock brought \$7.50, Haddock this morning was quoted at \$7.25 to \$7.50 a hundred pounds; large cod. \$7.50 to \$9; market cod, \$6 to \$7; hake, \$4 to \$10; pollock, \$5.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 19,000 had-dock, 300 cod, 1000 hake, 200 pollock. Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 5500 haddock, 400 cod. ,Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 2000 haddock,

300 cod, 600 hake.

Haddock, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$7.50 to \$9; market cod, \$6 to \$7; hake, \$4 to \$10, pollock, \$5.50.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Our last report was dated 21st inst. since when the following arrivals of fishstuffs have taken place: At San Juan, 91tcs. and 20 drs. cod, 19 tcs. pollock, 5 tes, haddock, 10 tes. and 15 drs. fish, 113 bbis. herring, 35 half bbls. mackerel, 790 bas. bloaters, 400 bdls. smoked herring. Also some 100 tcs. cod bound for Ponce and ordered discharged here. At Ponce, 422 tcs, and 30 drs. cod, 113 cs. and 41 drs. pollock, 27 tes. haddock, 42 bbls. herring, 100 bdls. smoked herring. At Maya-guez, 41 tcs. cod, 15 tcs. pollock, 100 bdls. smoked herring. At Arroyo, 8 tes. cod, 2 tes. fish.

Under pressure of heavier receipts, kets are ially at Ponce where receivers are again at the old game of biting off more than they can chew. Prices have gradually declined and in view of recent sales made by Ponce parties in our market, we cannot quote today above: Codfish, \$31 to \$31.50 per cask 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$22.50 to \$23.

Reported January 28, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

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Made a Good Trip.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, stocked \$2370.27 as the result halibuting recent share being \$51.05 to a man clear. Some of the crew, who had handline fish besides, shared as high as \$81 apiece. Although four weeks out on the last trip the weather was so bad during the entire trip that Capt. Stream got but two days fishing.